



Severe Weather Safety

National Weather Service Springfield, Missouri



Severe Thunderstorm Safety and Awareness

- Prepare a [an emergency kit](#) and make a [family communications plan](#).
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or commercial radio or television for the latest information.
- Ensure your NOAA Weather Radio has fresh batteries and is set to the correct frequency to receive a warning for your area.
- During a **Severe Thunderstorm Watch**, stay aware of weather updates. Locate radio, phone, purse/wallet, blanket and flashlight.
- **Identify an emergency shelter location in your home.** The safest place is the interior part of a basement or storm cellar. If there is no basement, use an inside room on the lowest floor (e.g., center hallway, bathroom, closet). Avoid windows, skylights, or glass doors, which could be broken by strong winds or hail and cause damage or injury.
- During a **Severe Thunderstorm Warning**, go to your safe place: such the interior portions of your home. Stay away from windows and doors.
- If outside during a severe storm and there is no adequate shelter immediately available: Lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine, or culvert and shield your head with your hands. Avoid areas with many trees. Do not get under any vehicle, no matter what its size.

Severe Weather Resources

<http://www.ready.gov/>

<http://www.prep4agthreats.org/>



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